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and Its Economic Impact in Ontario

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Highlights

- Of Ontario's 50.2 million overnight visitors in 2002, 11.5 million or 23% participated in cultural activities.
- The expenditures of overnight cultural tourists accounted for 37% of the total spending by overnight visitors in Ontario in 2002. These visitors spent an average of $421 per person visit compared to $260 for total overnight visitors.
- This level of visitor expenditures ($4.8 billion) generated $4.8 billion in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the province and 84,000 jobs.
- On average, cultural tourists stayed in Ontario for 4.3 nights in 2002, 43% longer than total overnight visitors.
- Half of overnight cultural tourists came to Ontario during the summer months in 2002, compared to 38% of the province's total overnight visitors.
- Most overnight cultural tourists (83%) travelled in parties of adults only. Average party sizes ranged from 1.7 to 2.4 depending on the origin of the visitor.
- 34% of the overnight cultural tourists stayed in hotels while on vacation in Ontario, compared to 22% of total overnight visitors in 2002.
- Next to participating in cultural activities, shopping and sightseeing were the most popular activities for cultural tourists in 2002.

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Introduction

Definition: In this report an overnight cultural tourist is defined as:

1. an international visitor to Ontario who stayed in the province for at least one night and:
   a. attended festivals or fairs, or
   b. attended cultural events, or
   c. visited a zoo, museum or natural display
2. a domestic visitor with an Ontario destination who stayed in the province for at least one night and:
   a. attended festivals or fairs, or
   b. attended a cultural performance, or
   c. attended an aboriginal/native cultural activity, or
   d. visited a museum or art gallery, or
   e. visited a historic site

The information contained in this report was extracted from the micro data files of the Canadian Travel Survey (CTS) and the International Travel Survey (ITS) by Research Resolutions, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation (MTR).

Co-sponsored by all the provinces and the federal government, the CTS is conducted by Statistics Canada annually (starting in 1997) as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey. The CTS telephone interview captures the incidence and detail of travel by Canadians. In 2002, an average of 14,287 Canadian households -- including 4,069 Ontario households -- were surveyed every month throughout the year. The average response rate for Canadian and Ontario respondents were 83% and 82%, respectively.

While up to 1994 only the name of a trip's destination was available from the CTS, as well as the name of the province where an overnight stop might have occurred en route to the trip's destination, starting in 1996 the complete trip itinerary was collected. As such, at the sub-provincial level, only visits with a destination in a specific region are comparable pre and post 1996 and not total domestic visits. In addition to the change in the location question, starting in 1996, the CTS captured the interview data on a CAI system, rather than on paper as was the case up to 1994.

The domestic data contained in this report differ from those reported in print or supplied in electronic format by Statistics Canada in the following ways:

Length of Stay	Place of Residence	
	Ontario	Other Canada
Same Day	40 Kms one-way from home	80 Kms one-way from home
Overnight	No minimum distance	No minimum distance

1. All overnight trips, regardless of the distance travelled, and same day trips with a minimum one-way distance from a respondent's home of at least 40 kms are included in this report. Statistics Canada reports only trips of 80 kms and over.

2. Overnight trips with an Ontario destination, but no nights spent in the province, are treated in this report as same day trips to Ontario.

3. The domestic data contained in this report include visits in Ontario by Canadians while on trips to any destination, not just Canadian destinations.

Excluded from this report's domestic data are the following types of travel: travel as a member of an operating crew of a bus, plane, truck, etc.; commuting to and from work or school; one way travel involving a change of residence; travel in an ambulance to a hospital or clinic; trips that did not originate in Canada; and trips longer than one year.

The ITS is also conducted by Statistics Canada every year with the help of Canada Customs and Immigration authorities who essentially conduct a census of border crossings and distribute the questionnaires to a sample of travellers. The questionnaires are self-completed by the travellers and mailed back to Statistics Canada. The questionnaire that is given to same day visitors from the United States who enter Canada by car does not contain any questions regarding the activities that these visitors engage in during their trip. This is the reason why we have limited our report to overnight visitors only.

The international statistics presented in this report are based on the census of US and overseas visitors as far as the number of travellers, their origin and the mode of transport are concerned. Most of the remaining trip characteristics were obtained from 23,410 completed questionnaires by US residents (out of 40,132 usable questionnaires of US visitors to Canada) and 6,535 completed questionnaires by overseas visitors (out of 12,778 usable questionnaires of overseas visitors to Canada).

The data contained in this report differ from those reported in the Touriscope, or supplied electronically by Statistics Canada, primarily due to the following:

1. Statistics Canada does not allocate Canadian carrier fares to the provinces. Ontario does so based on the mode of transport and the port of entry/exit.

2. Ontario does a number of imputations for missing values.

3. Statistics Canada allocates expenditures to the provinces based on the number of nights a visitor spends in each place. Ontario distinguishes between accommodation expenditures and other expenditures. The former are distributed according to the number of nights a visitor spent in various places and according to whether or not commercial accommodation was used in each overnight stop.

For more details on how Ontario manipulates the database, please write to the address below to obtain the technical appendix.

To aid the reader, a glossary of key terms used throughout this report is appended. For more information on this publication please contact:

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ONTARIO'S CULTURAL TOURIST MARKET, 2002

How many cultural tourists visited Ontario and where did they come from?

Of Ontario's 50.2 million overnight visitors in 2002, 11.5 million visits, or 23% participated in cultural activities.

- Most (62%) of visitors that participated in cultural activities in Ontario were Canadian.
- Ontario residents accounted for 86% of Canadian cultural tourists, and 53% of total visitors that participated in cultural activities.
- 41% of U.S. and 59% of overseas overnight visitors participated in cultural activities in Ontario in 2002.

Table 1: Total Overnight Person Visits in Ontario, 2002

Origin	Overnight Cultural Visitors (000s)	% Share	Total Overnight Visitors (000s)	% Share	Incidence*
TOTAL	**11,482**	**100%**	**50,211**	**100%**	**23%**
Canada	7,109	62%	40,400	80%	18%
Ontario	6,136	53%	35,844	71%	17%
Quebec	476	4%	2,511	5%	19%
Manitoba	58	1%	521	1%	11%
Western Canada	259	2%	997	2%	26%
Atlantic Canada	179	2%	526	1%	34%
USA	3,363	29%	8,107	16%	41%
New York	587	5%	1,560	3%	38%
Michigan	727	6%	1,796	4%	40%
Pennsylvania	209	2%	516	1%	41%
Minnesota	79	1%	268	1%	29%
Ohio	343	3%	739	1%	46%
Illinois	168	1%	387	1%	43%
Wisconsin	75	1%	240	0%	31%
Other USA	1,174	10%	2,602	5%	45%
Overseas	1,010	9%	1,704	3%	59%
UK	227	2%	358	1%	63%
France	89	1%	113	0%	79%
Germany	69	1%	115	0%	60%
Japan	84	1%	166	0%	51%
Other Europe	69	1%	314	1%	22%
Other Asia	155	1%	326	1%	48%

*Incidence refers to the percentage of total overnight visitors from a particular origin that participated in cultural activities.

How long did they stay in Ontario?

On average, cultural tourists stayed in Ontario for 4.3 nights in 2002, 43% longer than total overnight visitors.

- Overnight visitors from overseas countries that participated in cultural activities stayed the longest, followed by Canadians and Americans.
- Over three-quarters (76%) of overnight cultural tourists stayed in the province for one to four nights, while 8% stayed for ten or more nights.
- Ontarians that participated in cultural activities had the highest incidence (77%) of taking a short getaway trip (1 to 3 nights) in the province, followed by cultural tourists from the U.S. (71%).
- Only 26% of overseas cultural tourists stayed for a short getaway trip, indicating that the further away a visitor comes from, the longer they stay in the province.

Table 2: Person Nights in Ontario, 2002

Origin	Cultural Visitor Nights (000s)	% Share	Total Overnight Visitor Nights (000s)	% Share	Incidence*	Average Length of Stay (nights)	
						Culture	Total
TOTAL	**49,656**	**100%**	**148,305**	**100%**	**33%**	**4.3**	**3.0**
CANADA	26,975	54%	111,856	71%	24%	3.8	2.8
Ontario	19,915	40%	90,677	57%	22%	3.2	2.5
Quebec	1,824	4%	7,745	5%	24%	3.8	3.1
Manitoba	449	1%	2,182	1%	21%	7.7	4.2
Western Canada	3,216	6%	7,477	5%	43%	12.4	7.5
Atlantic Canada	1,572	3%	3,776	2%	42%	8.8	7.2
USA	11,489	23%	27,578	17%	42%	3.4	3.4
New York	1,839	4%	4,375	3%	42%	3.1	2.8
Michigan	1,837	4%	4,512	3%	41%	2.5	2.5
Pennsylvania	713	1%	1,828	1%	39%	3.4	3.5
Minnesota	333	1%	1,070	1%	31%	4.2	4.0
Ohio	931	2%	2,189	1%	43%	2.7	3.0
Illinois	650	1%	1,793	1%	36%	3.9	4.6
Wisconsin	233	0%	1,037	1%	22%	3.1	4.3
Other USA	4,952	10%	10,774	7%	46%	4.2	4.1
OVERSEAS	11,192	23%	18,273	12%	61%	11.1	5.2
UK	2,347	5%	3,547	2%	66%	10.3	9.9
France	434	1%	646	0%	67%	4.9	5.7
Germany	677	1%	1,095	1%	62%	9.8	9.5
Japan	574	1%	963	1%	60%	6.8	5.8

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When did they visit Ontario?

Half of overnight cultural tourists came to Ontario during the summer months in 2002, compared to 38% of the province's total overnight visitors.

- Compared to other overnight visitors, cultural tourists had a higher incidence of travelling during the summer than during the winter and fall.
- The majority of Ontario's main markets visited the province during the summer.

Table 3: Overnight Cultural Tourists in Ontario by Calendar Quarter, 2002

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total (000)	**1,224**	**2,573**	**5,682**	**2,002**
CANADA (000)	869	1,464	3,461	1,315
Share (%)	71%	57%	61%	66%
Ontario	712	1,251	3,043	1,130
Share (%)	58%	49%	54%	56%
USA (000)	275	855	1,719	514
Share (%)	22%	33%	30%	26%
Border States	222	524	1,093	133
Share (%)	18%	20%	19%	7%
OVERSEAS (000)	81	254	502	174
Share (%)	7%	10%	9%	9%
UK	24	61	100	42
Share (%)	2%	2%	2%	2%
France	6	19	52	11
Share (%)	*	1%	1%	1%
Germany	3	17	38	10
Share (%)	*	1%	1%	0%
Japan	5	22	37	20
Share (%)	*	1%	1%	1%

* less than 1%

How big were their travel parties? Who were in their travel parties?

Most overnight cultural tourists (83%) travelled in parties of adults only. Average party sizes ranged from 1.7 to 2.4 depending on the origin of the visitor.

- Cultural tourists from Canada had the smallest average party size (1.7), while visitors from U.S. border states had the largest (2.4).
- Cultural tourists from Ontario had the lowest occurrence of traveling in groups of adults only (81%), while visitors from Germany had the highest (94%).

Table 4: Overnight Cultural Party Visits Average Size and Composition, 2002

Origin	Average Party Size	Party Composition	
		Adults Only	Adults w/ Kids
Canada	1.7	82%	18%
Ontario	1.8	81%	19%
USA	2.3	84%	16%
Border States	2.4	84%	16%
Overseas	1.8	92%	8%
UK	1.9	90%	10%
France	1.9	92%	8%
Germany	1.8	94%	6%
Japan	1.9	90%	10%

Table 5: Overnight Cultural Tourists Percent Party Size (Adults Only), 2002

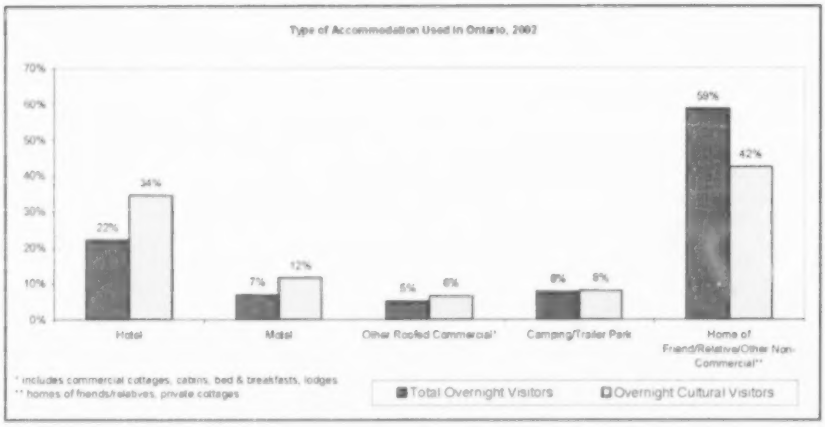
Origin	1 adult	2 adults	3 or more adults
TOTAL	58%	36%	6%
CANADA	70%	28%	2%
Ontario	68%	29%	3%
USA	25%	60%	15%
Border States	18%	65%	17%
Michigan	16%	67%	18%
New York	22%	62%	16%
OVERSEAS	48%	44%	8%
UK	36%	57%	7%
Japan	40%	49%	8%
France	36%	58%	8%
Germany	50%	41%	9%

- Cultural tourists from Canada had the highest incidence (70%) of travelling alone in Ontario.
- Cultural tourists from Michigan (67%) had the highest frequency of travelling in groups of two in 2002.
- Cultural tourists from Michigan (18%) also had the highest incidence of travelling in parties of three or more people.

Where did they stay in Ontario?

34% of overnight cultural tourists stayed in hotels while on vacation in Ontario, compared to 22% of total overnight visitors in 2002.

- Cultural tourists had a higher tendency to stay in roofed commercial accommodation, compared to total overnight visitors. For instance, 34% of overnight cultural visitors stayed in hotels, while 22% of total overnight visitors did so in 2002.



- Fewer cultural tourist visits were spent in homes of friends/relatives or private cottages (42%), compared to total overnight visits (59%).
- The majority (54%) of domestic cultural tourists stayed at the homes of friends or relatives or at other non-commercial accommodation, while the majority (76%) of American and overseas (66%) cultural tourists stayed at roofed commercial accommodation in 2002.

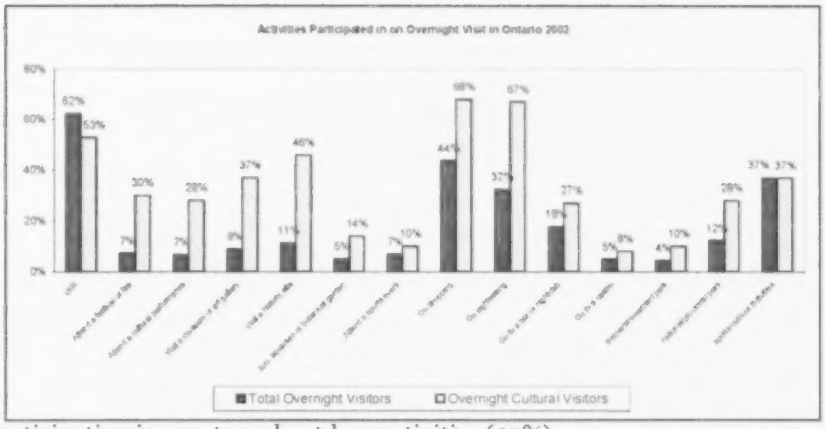
Table 6: Overnight Cultural Tourists Accommodation Use by Person Visits and Origin, 2002

Type of Accommodation	Canada	% Share	Ontario	% Share	USA	% Share	Border States	% Share	Over-seas	% Share
Hotel	1,714	24%	1,386	23%	1,718	51%	1,133	52%	528	52%
Motel	514	7%	441	7%	706	21%	464	21%	103	10%
Other Roofed Commercial	566	8%	536	9%	136	4%	86	4%	42	4%
Camping/Trailer Park	699	10%	636	10%	190	6%	101	5%	28	3%
Homes of Friends/Relatives/ Other Non-commercial	3,816	54%	3,253	53%	620	18%	334	15%	439	43%
Other	341	5%	283	5%	448	13%	311	14%	173	17%

What other activities did they participate in?

Next to participating in cultural activities, shopping and sightseeing were the most popular activities for cultural tourists in 2002.

- Next to participating in cultural activities, Ontario's cultural tourists' most popular activities were shopping (68%) and sightseeing (67%).
- Other popular activities were visiting friends and relatives (VFR) (53%) and participating in sports and outdoor activities (37%).



- Cultural tourists were more active than total overnight visitors, participating in an average of 4.6 versus 2.6 activities per person visit.

Table 7: Overnight Cultural Tourists in Ontario
Percent of Visitors who Participated in Selected Activities, 2002

Activity	Canada	Ontario	USA	Overseas
VFR	63%	62%	28%	64%
Festival/fair	38%	39%	17%	21%
Cultural performance	26%	26%	32%	24%
Museum/art gallery	31%	27%	41%	64%
Zoo/aquarium/botanical garden	12%	12%	11%	31%
Sports event	12%	11%	6%	12%
Shopping	61%	60%	77%	94%
Sightseeing	61%	59%	74%	88%
Bar/night club	27%	27%	25%	35%
Casino	8%	8%	7%	13%
Theme/amusement park	10%	9%	7%	19%
National/provincial park	22%	23%	31%	56%
Historic site	37%	37%	57%	69%
Sports/outdoor activity	44%	45%	26%	27%

- Cultural tourists from the U.S. were the most active, participating in an average of 7.2 activities per person visit, compared to 6.2 activities for overseas residents and 4.5 activities for Canadians.

Which Ontario regions* did they visit?

The top market for overnight cultural tourists was Toronto and Region (28%) followed by Niagara Region (18%) and Central Ontario (18%).

- Toronto and Region was the top destination for overnight cultural tourist visits (28%), compared to total overnight visits (21%).
- Niagara Region and Central Ontario were other top regions for cultural visitation with 18% each of overnight visits.
- Ottawa Region received 12% of overnight cultural visits, compared to 7% of total overnight visits.

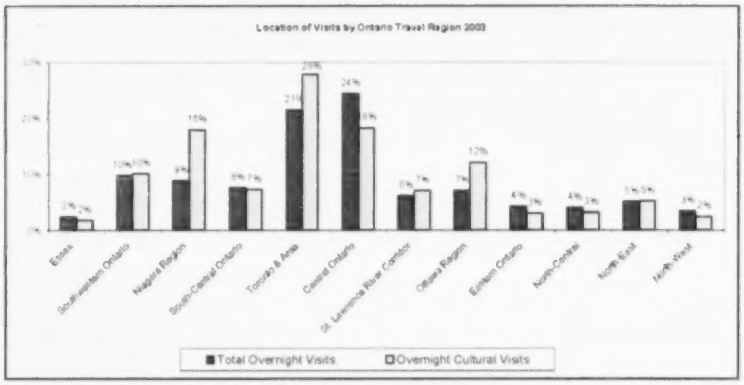


TABLE 8: Overnight Cultural Tourists in Ontario, 2002

Region Visited	Percent of Overnight Cultural Tourists, by Origin, Visiting each Ontario Travel Region*								
	Canada ====	Ontario	USA ====	Border States	Overseas =====	UK	Germany	France	Japan
Essex	1%	1%	3%	4%	1%	1%	**	**	**
Southwestern	10%	10%	12%	14%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%
Niagara Region	9%	10%	34%	34%	26%	28%	25%	33%	46%
South-Central Ontario	9%	9%	5%	4%	7%	10%	15%	3%	1%
Toronto and Region	19%	16%	34%	32%	73%	68%	76%	71%	70%
Central	25%	28%	6%	5%	11%	18%	26%	6%	8%
St. Lawrence River Corridor	7%	6%	7%	7%	10%	8%	23%	19%	7%
Ottawa Region	12%	8%	8%	5%	29%	24%	32%	48%	30%
Eastern	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	**
North-Central	4%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	**	3%
North-East	5%	6%	6%	6%	2%	3%	6%	**	**
North-West	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	**	**

**The percentages are based on the total number of visitors with a known regional destination in Ontario. ** less than 1%.*
Note: The sum of each column is greater than 100% because multiple locations may be visited in a given trip.

- Toronto and Region welcomed 73% of overnight cultural tourists from overseas. The Toronto region tends to be a gateway for this market with most international flights arriving at Pearson International Airport. Toronto and Niagara Region were other popular regions for cultural tourists from the USA (34% each).
- Central Ontario was the most popular region among cultural tourists from Ontario (28%) and Canada (25%) as a whole.

* Please see page 14 for a map of Ontario's Travel Regions.

How much money did they spend in Ontario?

Expenditures of overnight cultural tourists accounted for 37% of total spending by overnight visitors in Ontario in 2002.

- Overnight cultural tourists spent $4.8 billion in the province in 2002.
- Canadians accounted for 40% of total spending by overnight cultural tourists, Americans for 32% and overseas visitors for 28%.
- Total average spending per overnight person visit was $421, per party visit was $795 and per party night was $175.
- Ontarians had the lowest average spending per overnight person visit ($243) and overseas visitors had the highest ($1,348).
- Overseas visitors tend to have the highest average spending levels due to the inclusion of the cost of transportation. Table 11 on the following page provides a comparison of spending with the cost of transportation removed.

Table 9: Overnight Cultural Tourists Total Spending by Origin, 2002

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	Average Per Person	Average Per Party	Average Per Party Night
TOTAL	$421	$795	$175
CANADA	$274	$477	$123
Ontario	$243	$434	$139
USA	$453	$1,058	$302
Border States	$383	$931	$312
OVERSEAS	$1,348	$2,434	$203
UK	$1,437	$2,752	$262
France	$809	$1,574	$299
Germany	$1,235	$2,178	$212
Japan	$1,453	$2,737	$379

- Regardless of transportation costs, overseas visitors tend to have the highest average cost per person visit. This is attributable to the fact that overseas visitors stay longer in the province and tend to stay in commercial accommodation.
- Cultural tourists from Japan had the highest average spending per overnight person visit on accommodation, while visitors from the UK and Germany had the highest average spending on food and beverage. Cultural tourists from the UK also had the highest average spending per person visit on recreation and entertainment and on retail.

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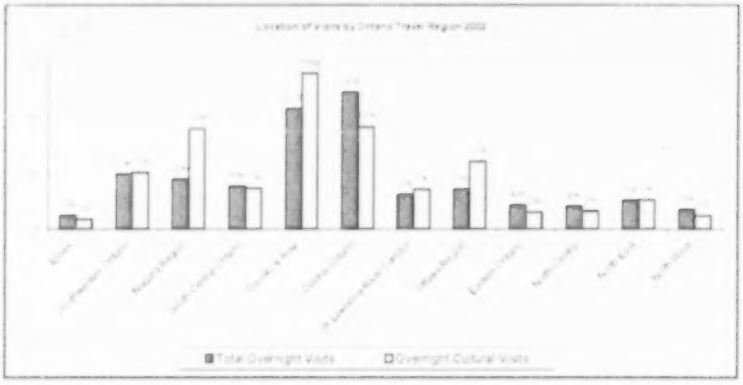

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UK	$1,437	$2,752	$262
France	$809	$1,574	$299
Germany	$1,235	$2,178	$212
Japan	$1,453	$2,737	$379

- Regardless of transportation costs, overseas visitors tend to have the highest average cost per person visit. This is attributable to the fact that overseas visitors stay longer in the province and tend to stay in commercial accommodation.
- Cultural tourists from Japan had the highest average spending per overnight person visit on accommodation, while visitors from the UK and Germany had the highest average spending on food and beverage. Cultural tourists from the UK also had the highest average spending per person visit on recreation and entertainment and on retail.

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% of total spending in Ontario by cultural tourists	79%	78%	90%	88%	58%	54%	55%	56%
Average Spending								
Per Person Visit	$216	$190	$407	$338	$783	$778	$681	$810
Per Party Visit	$376	$340	$950	$823	$1,414	$1,484	$1,206	$1,547
Per Party Night	$97	$109	$271	$276	$118	$142	$117	$212
Accommodation ($000s)	$464,266	$341,133	$530,943	$295,892	$247,918	$59,759	$16,488	$29,848
Spending on accommodation as a % of total spending in Ontario by cultural tourists	24%	23%	35%	35%	18%	18%	19%	25%
Average Spending								
Per Person Visit	$65	$56	$158	$135	$245	$263	$239	$355
Per Party Visit	$114	$99	$369	$329	$444	$502	$423	$678
Per Party Night	$29	$32	$105	$110	$37	$48	$41	$93
Food/Beverage ($000s)	$568,239	$437,924	$319,149	$182,303	$201,385	$46,035	$13,988	$15,754
Spending on food/beverage as a % of total spending in Ontario by cultural tourists	29%	29%	21%	22%	15%	14%	16%	13%
Average Spending								
Per Person Visit	$80	$71	$95	$83	$199	$203	$203	$188
Per Party Visit	$139	$128	$222	$203	$360	$387	$359	$358
Per Party Night	$36	$41	$63	$68	$30	$37	$35	$49
Recreation/Entertainment ($000s)	$214,887	$173,708	$222,111	$141,614	$95,742	$24,181	$5,807	$5,877
Spending on rec/ent as a % of total spending in Ontario by cultural tourists	11%	12%	15%	17%	7%	7%	7%	5%
Average Spending								
Per Person Visit	$30	$28	$66	$65	$95	$107	$84	$70
Per Party Visit	$53	$51	$154	$157	$171	$203	$149	$134
Per Party Night	$ 14	$16	$44	$53	$14	$ 19	$14	$18
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Spending on retail as a % of total spending in Ontario by cultural tourists	15%	14%	14%	14%	18%	14%	13%	14%
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Per Person Visit	$40	$35	$66	$55	$243	$206	$156	$198
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Not as good	5%	4%	5%	4%
Hospitality of local people				
Better	64%	86%	63%	86%
Same	33%	13%	34%	12%
Not as good	3%	1%	3%	1%
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Glossary

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ACTIVITIES ON TRIP. For each trip, respondents were asked to indicate whether they participated in any of a number of activities (aided measure). The activity could have occurred at any location on the trip (destination, location of overnight stop) since activity data are not captured on a location-specific basis.

EXPENDITURES ON TRIP. All dollars spent by all household members or party members who went on the trip and paid for by individuals, government or private sector business. Only expenditures incurred by visitors to Ontario are contained in this report. Spending by Ontarians on (Canadian) public fares for trips outside the province and with no visit in Ontario are not included here.

The following items of expenditures are excluded:

- food and beverage purchased prior to the trip to be used while on the trip;
- items purchased to be resold or used in a business;
- vehicles, such as cars, boats and caravans;
- capital investment, such as real estate, work of arts, rare articles and financial stocks;
- cash given to friends or relatives during a trip which does not represent payment for goods and services received, as well as donations to institutions.

EXPENDITURES IN ONTARIO. Canadian residents' expenditures on the trip are assigned by Statistics Canada to provinces of origin, destination, and location of overnight stops according to pre-set rules. Expenditures from the ITS were assigned to Ontario according to MTCR rules.

HOUSEHOLD/PARTY TRIP. A trip involving one or more persons from the same household/party leaving and returning together. If four persons from the same household take a trip, it counts as one household-trip.

The CTS captures household-based information, while the ITS captures party-based (not necessarily belonging to the same household) information.

MODE OF TRANSPORT. Mode of transport refers to the one used in Canada. It does not refer to the transport mode used by international visitors to come to Ontario.

PERSON NIGHT. A night spent away from home by a person taking a trip. If two persons take a trip involving three nights away from home, that counts for six person nights.

PERSON TRIP. A trip taken by one person. If two persons from the same household go on a trip, it counts for two person trips. If the same person takes two trips, it also counts for two person trips.

PURPOSE OF TRIP (MAIN). The main purpose categories include *visiting friends/relatives, pleasure, personal, business, convention.* In this report, *business convention* has been combined with *business* and *pleasure* has been combined with *non-business convention.*

QUALIFYING TRIP. A *qualifying trip* in the CTS is defined as travel from the usual place of residence to a location any distance away if an overnight trip and at least 40 km (one-way) if a same-day trip for any purpose other than as a member of an operating crew of a bus, plane, truck, etc; commuting to work or school; moving to a new residence; travel in an ambulance to a hospital or clinic; trips that did not originate in Canada and trips that longer than one year. The distance minimum of 40 km applies only to same-day trips that originate in Ontario. In all other provinces, the minimum distance for a same-day trip is 80 km. In the ITS it includes all non-residents crossing the Canadian border (excludes crews of transportation firms).

REPORTING PERIOD. An one month reporting period is used by the CTS since the second quarter of 1992. All fieldwork takes place approximately three weeks after the *end* of the reporting period. For example, during the third week in July respondents would be asked to report on trips that ended in preceding June. In the ITS, a respondent is given a questionnaire which he/she is asked to fill out when his/her trip is completed.

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VISIT. Place of overnight stay or for same day trips, the location of the trip's destination. If the respondent travelled twice to the same location during the same trip, only one visit is recorded at that location. In this report there are three types of visits at the sub-provincial level: visits that were destined to region x; visits that were destined to Ontario region y, but took an excursion to region x, and visits that were destined outside Ontario, but had an overnight stop in region x. A small number of CTS respondents with overnight trips indicated that had as their destination Ontario region x, but they spent no night in region x. These trips have been treated in this report as same day trips to region x.

Map of Ontario Travel Regions